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THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The average number of flights and passengers who travel by these flights are as under:

Average number of flights	*Average number of passengers*
Morning — 36	3896
Evening — 23	2542

(b) Yes, Sir. These security measures include (1) Pre-embarkation (anti-hijacking) security checks (2) Anti-sabotage security checks (3) Surveillance Patrolling in the terminal building and operational area (4) Perimeter security of the airport and (5) Anti-terrorist measures.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Appointment of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Air India

1952. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Air India has retired and if so, when;

(b) whether new Chairman-cum-Managing Director has been appointed and if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) the time by which the new Chairman-cum-Managing Director will be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The former Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Air India resigned with effect from 17-7-1990. The appointment of a regular CMD is receiving the attention of the Government and a decision is expected to be taken soon.

Participation of Private Sector in Gas Projects

1953. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow private sector to invest in gas projects;

(b) if so, the details of the each project and cost thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to privatise both the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and the Oil India Limited also; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Private sector companies have already invested in projects for downstream use of natural gas in various sectors including fertilizer, sponge iron, city gas distribution etc. The cost would vary from project to project depending on its capacity and end use.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Railway Passes to Ex-Members of Parliament

1954. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue free railway passes to ex-Members of Parliament;

(b) if so. the details thereof; and

(c) if not. the reasons therefor?